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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Iain B. FINDLETON et al.  
Serial No.: 10/714,398  
Title: METHOD FOR RETRIEVING AND MODIFYING DATA  
ELEMENTS ON A SHARED MEDIUM  
Art Unit: 2171  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.